



THE SURE THING

Sullivan Organization Claim Everything Now but the Salary—Dredging and Other Trusts Sharpen Their Bills.

News of the Political World Gathered During the Week from All Sources for Chicago Eagle Readers.

Gossip About Office Holders and Office Seekers and the Things that Are Going On in Official Life in Chicago.

News of the State, County, City and Sanitary District and Items of Interest About Men and Their Ambitions.

The Democratic "organization" believes in showing its strength at the primaries. It acts as if it had no hope when it has to go to the regular polls. Well, it is a good thing for the "organization" to show its strength at the primaries. In this way it will decide many bets as to what its strength really is.

From Mr. McConnell's confident announcement that the organization will poll 113,000 votes at the primary for Mr. Sullivan for senator, nothing but words of admiration are heard on every side.

It shows the wonderful improvement that has been made in the Democratic machine and the wonderful popularity it has achieved in two years.

In 1912, the organization candidate for States Attorney, James J. Kelly, received 37,309 votes at the primary, against 48,139 votes cast for Macley Hoynes the anti-organization candidate.

Mr. Alschuler, the organization candidate for Governor, received 41,502 votes at the primary against 106,253 votes cast for Edward F. Dunne.

So that the fact that the organization has 113,000 votes already to be cast for Mr. Sullivan, shows wonderful organizing, not to say recuperative powers on the part of the Machine.

The Democrats polled 158,853 votes at the Cook County primary election in 1912. Opinions differ as to the total vote that will be cast September 9. Estimates vary all the way from \$5,000 to 130,000. That there will not be nearly as large a vote polled this year as in 1912, is the general opinion. Thousands of Democrats will not vote at the primary. The regular organization through its talented west side leader and Secretary George McConnell, places the organization vote in the approaching primary for Senator, at 113,000. This is 7,000 more than the vote cast for Dunne in 1912. Conservative observers say that if the "organization" polls 60,000 votes September 9, for any one of its slate candidates, it will do extremely well. The prevailing impression is that its vote will fall considerably below 50,000.

The "organization" strength at the coming primaries, is placed by good judges at 42,000 votes. This is on the basis of 30 votes to a precinct for 1,400 precincts. There are hundreds of precincts where the "organization" is absolutely unknown. But the 4,000 votes which the First Ward gang will roll up for it from the lodging houses will affect the precincts where the "organization" has no existence, and give an average poll of 30 votes to the precinct, or 42,000 in all.

That every Cook County Democrat might know exactly where the Governor stands in the present campaign and what he expects from every man who in official circles is nominally rated as a Dunne man, the Governor prefaced his visit to Chicago by a clean-cut, concise statement to Chicago office holders appointed by the state head.

This message read: "Either you must bring all influence of which you are capable to the support of the men considered by the state administration as most worthy of support, or you must give notice that you no longer are a member of

that wing of the Democratic party with which you were allied in previous years."

This message, sent to Chicago through County Treasurer William L. O'Connell, reached every man of prominence in the Chicago membership of the Harrison-Dunne-Lewis wing of the party.

Raymond Robins, "down to fighting weight," is headed home from Florida ready to plunge into what the Progressive party leaders assert will be a memorable campaign in Illinois political history.

With the promise from Col. Roosevelt that he will invade Illinois probably in September and speak for Robins in his race for the United States senate, Medill McCormick and other leaders yesterday began work on an itinerary that will take Mr. Robins into all sections of the state.

All told 260 speeches by the senatorial candidate are now on the schedule.

The Progressive campaign, launched at both Roger C. Sullivan and United States Senator Sherman, will open formally at East St. Louis on Aug. 24. Mr. Robins meantime will toughen up his vocal cords with a few plenary speeches this week. He spoke Wednesday at Galesburg at a roundup of the old settlers of Knox, Warren, and Mercer counties.

Progressive leaders were disturbed again over the legislative situation, on receipt of the official statement of nominating petitions from Secretary of State Harry Woods.

The list totals 107 Progressive candidates for the lower house places, or an average of more than two to a district.

While the new party forces are confident they can win at least one candidate in nearly all the fifty-one districts of the state, if but one is placed on the official ballot in November, they are fearful of the result if three candidates are running in all the districts.

The report is current that plans are under way by the common enemy to write in the names of Progressives in the primary where not more than one is running, and thereby force the names of three nominees in each district.

It looks like political suicide for a candidate to stake all of his chances for a nomination on the popularity given to him by a lot of fellows who hardly ever show up at a ward meeting.

The City Council should vote a larger appropriation for the City Forester. Mr. J. H. Frost, who holds that responsible position, is laboring under great disadvantages on account of the meager sum of money placed at his disposal. Tree life and plenty of trees, is essential not only to the beauty, but to the health of the city. City Forester Frost, we are pleased to note, is a thoroughly competent man, whose heart is in his work. He should be encouraged in every way. The annual report of the Small Parks Commission which is before us says: "The City Forester continued his system of taking care of the trees of the city as thoroughly as the limited funds at his disposal would permit, by keeping a force of men in each

section of the city, north, south and west, and moving along in a methodical manner, trimming, removing dead wood, spraying to kill insects and their larvae and removing dead and unsightly trees. In this manner over thirty thousand trees were trimmed at an average cost of fifteen cents per tree; about fifteen hundred dangerous trees were removed at an average cost of one dollar and five cents per tree. Two hundred and fifty-eight trees were furnished to citizens free of charge with the agreement

that they would dig the hole, supply at least one cubic yard of dirt and plant the tree. About seven hundred inspections were made of complaints received. Several hundred inquiries were received each month by telephone, mail and personal calls, from people wanting information regarding the care and planting of trees. Several thousand pamphlets on this subject were distributed."

John Haderlein, for several years the most popular saloon-keeper in the Twenty-fourth ward, got up a grand meeting for Mr. Sullivan on Monday

doubtful whether Lincoln or Douglas knew what a butler was in their day. There has been so much improvement in political methods since their time.

The Associated Order of Newly Rich Contractors have instructed all of their Japanese butlers to register and vote for Sullivan.

Michael Zimmer is to be the next Postmaster of Chicago. He ought to make a good one. He has made a splendid and efficient sheriff, and his public record is one of devotion to the public welfare.

John J. Bradley, the new United States marshal appointed by President Wilson, is beyond any question one of the most popular Democrats in Chicago today. He is strong with all classes, with every faction and with men of every creed and shade of opinion.

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night at Sheffield and Belmont avenues. Several people, besides a good band, were present. Mr. Haderlein is the slate candidate for Sheriff.

The Democratic "organization" slate is filled with the names of job holders. The number of years that these fellows collectively have been in office foots up 2,694 years. They want more.

The fact that the Great Lakes Dredging & Dock Company will have to complete the United States harbor work at Chicago by October 1 should not put an extra strain on its powerful tug, the Roger C. Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan's friends, the Great Lakes Dredging & Dock Company, are doing much work for Uncle Sam just now and are said to be planning to do more.

By the way what did Uncle Sam do about that Great Lakes Trust we used to read about?

The Sullivan "Organization" showed its absolute incompetency registration day. But few new Democratic names were added to the list.

The Board of Trade ought to be closed and kept closed until this war is over. Speculating in foodstuffs has gone along quite far enough.

A powerful "organization" aid in the Democratic Senatorial campaign is the "Butler's Political Club," recruited from the palaces of the Newly Rich Contractors and others. For campaign purposes, the field has been divided up and embraces three classes of leading citizens.

1. Butlers who have seen service in the homes of the extremely rich, like the Fields, Leiters, Palmers, McCormicks, etc.

2. Butlers who have seen service with the aristocratic rich, like the McVeaghs, Winstons, etc.

3. Butlers who have been trained by the rich business people like the Cudahys, Armours, Plamondons, etc.

To these would be added the Japanese butlers, employed by so many of the Newly Contractual Rich, only that they have no votes.

The experience brought into the campaign by these veteran butlers will give a tone to politics that Illinois has never known before. It is

WANT BRADLEY

Democrats Who Are Anxious for Party Success This Fall Are Working Hard for His Nomination.

The Fight for United States Senator, State and County Treasurer and for Mayor Fully Under Way

Gossip from Individuals and Parties About Men in the Race and What They Are Doing for Their Country.

Items of Interest About People in Public Life and the Ambitions of Both Them and the Men Behind Them.

It is now generally conceded that John J. Bradley, will be the Democratic nominee for County Treasurer. He is the one man who can unite all factions of the Democratic party, and the fact that he is backed by the federal state, city and county administrations, makes his candidacy all the stronger. The people have confidence in him and his nomination will mean his election.

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tion in the Democratic party. The reason for this is his unselfish party loyalty; his proven honesty of purpose and his devotion to duty wherever he is placed.

Bradley served several terms in the city council and left that body with an unblemished name and a record that all of his friends were proud of. He has frequently been mentioned for high elective offices by men who desire party success and who know that men like Bradley would lead the Democratic hosts to victory in any battle he was chosen to lead.

His natural modesty and unselfishness have kept him from running for positions that he would honor if he could be induced to make the race.

Democrats are almost a unit for John J. Bradley for County Treasurer. His clean record and his honest candor win favor everywhere.

John J. Bradley will be the Democratic nominee for County Treasurer beyond question. He will be elected by a big majority.

The Great Lakes Dredging & Dock Company will have a chance to build islands in the lake with its dumpings for the Newly Rich Public Contractors' summer cottages, when

Roger Rules the State.

Thirty-nine hundred pledges for William Hale Thompson for mayor of Chicago were turned in at a meeting of the William Hale Thompson club in the Hotel Sherman Tuesday night. "We have more than 65,000 pledges to vote for Mr. Thompson," said Harry B. Miller, secretary of the club. "Mr. Thompson has said he will run for mayor if 100,000 pledges are turned in before primary election day."

George Granger, president of the club, presided at the meeting.

Close the Board of Trade and keep food prices down.

The cement graft at the City Hall goes bravely on. There must be something in it for somebody.

How many city inspectors are receiving an allowance for every yard from contractors for reporting paving and other work well done?

The farmers get little from speculators. Most of them sold their crops in advance at small prices to Board of Trade sharpers, who took a gambler's chance. The crop was good this year but the American public has to pay Board of Trade prices or starve.

Great times coming in Contractors' Row when Roger Rules the State.

The well-salaried and many official United Charities crowd are out in an appeal for money to help the poor suffering on account of high prices. As many of the alleged backers of the United Charities are Board

of Trade members, they could help the poor and curb the high cost of living by closing the Board of Trade until the war is over.

The Great Lakes Dredging & Dock Company, in which Roger C. Sullivan is said to be a large owner, is one of the nerviest and most prosperous of the rich seekers and obtainers of fat public contracts. One of the many big tugs that it owns and which smokes up in the Chicago river, is the ROGER C. SULLIVAN. When Roger is senator, the White House grounds ought to be dredged and the Treasury Docked.

Harold L. Ickes, Progressive county chairman, charged the Republicans with "hypocrisy" on their plank concerning interest on public funds.

"The attention of the Republicans," he says, "is called to the fact that for the last twenty years the Cook County treasurer has been almost without exception a Republican. During all these years no Republican county treasurer pretended to turn over any interest until Mr. Hanberg was elected twelve years ago."

"Mr. Hanberg turned over some of the interest, and was succeeded by Mr. Thompson, who also turned over part of the interest. Mr. Thompson turned over more interest than Mr. Hanberg and Mr. O'Connell, according to records, will have turned over at the end of his term more interest money than either of his two immediate Republican predecessors."

When a political "organization" gets so strong, or thinks that it is so strong, that it does not need to take the public into its confidence, it is past redemption. This is especially true of an organization whose greatest achievement have been acts of treachery to friends and party; which has sold out city elections in order to further enrich a Grasping Aristocracy of public contractors; whose leaders are guided by men who have held big jobs under the enemy as a reward for the most brazen treason; whose camp followers deploy between the lines and forage, first on one side and then upon the other, and whose only civic monuments are rotten sewers, useless fire hydrants, convenient dredging and wealth.

Wallace G. Clark, who is a candidate for re-election as Sanitary Trustee, is reported to be a very wealthy man, although the county personal tax books do not show him to be one. In addition to his ten years of fat office holding, he has been President of the Big Loverin-Brown wholesale grocery company at 1700 South State street and is also reported to be the principal owner in it.

He is the senior member of the big real estate firm of Clark & Trainer, who are known as "L" road estimators, Builders of the \$2,200,000 Michigan Boulevard Building, Clarkdale and other big subdivisions.

Fine flat buildings on Lexington and other West Side streets, Receivers of large fees for important real estate deals, including one of \$77,000 from the Corn Products Company referred to elsewhere. And other things, which makes the



JOHN J. BRADLEY.
Popular Democratic Candidate for County Treasurer.